

The meeting was called to order at 6:30 PM by the Chairman, Mr. Carpender, and the following members were present:

Mr. Richard Carpender, Chair	Ms. Angela Volpicelli	Mrs. Marilyn King
Ms. Sylvia Wedge, Vice Chair	Mrs. Marge Levesque, Clerk	Mrs. Cynthia Perrotti
	Mr. Michael Buddemeyer	

Also Present: Dr. Lusi, Patti Cofield (Asst. Supt. Jermain and Mark Dunham – 7:00 PM)

Absent: Daniel Klemmer, High School Liaison

A motion was made by Ms. Wedge and was seconded by Mrs. Levesque to adjourn to Executive Session pursuant to R.I. Law 42-46-5, Exceptions (a)(1) Job Performance/Personnel Matters. So voted 7-0.

Public Session recessed at 6:31 PM and resumed at 7:00 PM.

1. **CHAIRMAN'S REPORT:**

- Last Saturday, attended the quarterly meeting of School Committee chairs throughout the state sponsored by RIASC. They discussed the legislative proposals that RIASC is following. He distributed the list of 16 items to the School Committee members. The supplemental budget was also discussed.
- Mr. Carpender reported that an Executive Session was held prior to this meeting pursuant to R.I. Law 42-46-5, Exceptions (a)(1) Job Performance/Personnel Matters. Ms. Wedge made a motion to adjourn to Executive Session, and it was seconded by Mrs. Levesque. So voted 7-0. There were no motions made or votes taken. Ms. Wedge made a motion to adjourn the Executive Session, and it was seconded by Mrs. Levesque. So voted 7-0. A motion to seal the minutes of the Executive Session was made by Ms. Wedge and was seconded by Mrs. Levesque. So voted 7-0.

2. **SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT:**

- The second H1N1 clinic at Melville School is being held on January 28th for Melville and Pennfield students.
- Had second set of instructional rounds walkthrough last week at Melville School.
- Attended DMC meeting last week.

Teaching and Learning:

- Assistant Superintendent Jermain reported that she is on the steering committee for R2TT, and they will hold their first state meeting on Thursday at RIDE. The purpose of the meeting is to discuss how to use data more efficiently, set up data dashboards, and have better communication regarding student teaching and learning and exchanging of data.

- Will be at RIDE on Friday to discuss the new NECAP proposals going forward. Discussion regarding upgrading the NECAP assessments is going on presently.

Finance:

- Mr. Dunham gave an update on transportation. We are working with East Bay to try to have one or two bids for the area. A meeting will be held on Friday to prepare the RFP. Will be sending it out in February. East Providence and Middletown have removed themselves from the process.

High School Liaison: Absent.

3. **SPOTLIGHT**

a) **2010 RI Scholastic Arts Award Winners – PHS.** A motion was made by Ms. Wedge to commend the following Portsmouth High School students for their accomplishments in the 2010 RI Scholastic Arts Competition:

- Hannah Reed: Gold Key Award - art portfolio; Silver Key Awards - painting and fashion
- Chelsea Greene: Gold Key Award - photography portfolio
- Bethany Reise: Gold Key Award - photography portfolio
- Nikki Bariscillo: Gold Key Award - mixed media
- Brianna Hoftun: Gold Key Awards - photo montage and painting
- Chaz Aracil: Silver Key Award - mixed media
- Grace Perkins: Silver Key Award - painting

Seconded by Mrs. Levesque. So voted 7-0.

4. **APPROVAL OF MINUTES & Addenda:** A motion was made by Ms. Wedge and was seconded by Mrs. Levesque to approve the January 12, 2010, minutes as presented. So voted 7-0. A motion was made by Ms. Wedge to approve the addendum to the January 12, 2010, minutes. Seconded by Mrs. Levesque. Mr. Carpenter stated that he doesn't think the addendum is pertinent to the business that was conducted, as it did not clearly show what took place at that meeting. The motion failed 3-4. Ms. Volpicelli, Mrs. King, and Mrs. Perrotti voted in favor. Mr. Carpenter, Ms. Wedge, Mrs. Levesque, and Mr. Buddemeyer were opposed.

5. **CONSENT AGENDA:**

- a) **Coaching Appt. – PHS.** The Superintendent recommends adoption of the following resolution, "that the Committee affirms the coaching appointment at Portsmouth High School for the 2009-10 school year as presented."

- b) **Request for Leave of Absence.** The Superintendent recommends adoption of the following resolution, "that the Committee approves the request for Family and Medical Leave in accordance with the backup information."

A motion was made by Ms. Wedge and was seconded by Mrs. Levesque to approve the Consent Agenda as presented. So voted 7-0. Dr. Lusi announced the appointment of Jason Pacheco to the position of Baseball Head Coach at PHS for the 2009-10 school year.

6. **PUBLIC COMMENT:** None.

7. **BUSINESS AGENDA:**

- a) **Math Presentation:** A Powerpoint presentation on the Math curriculum was given by PHS Math Department Chair, Patricia McCarthy; Elementary Consultant, Beth Roman; and PMS Math Coach and teacher, Kristen Borges.
- b) **Approval of November Financials:** A motion was made by Ms. Wedge and seconded by Mrs. Levesque to approve the November financials as presented. So voted 7-0.
- c) **Report on December Financials:** Mr. Dunham distributed the December Revenue and Expenditure report. He reported that there are no significant changes in the line item variances from November to December. The December report includes the transfers approved by the Committee on January 12th. The Governor has submitted a revised budget that would reduce State Aid to Portsmouth Schools by a net amount of \$177,692. This proposal will require approval by the General Assembly so it may well change. The Town is facing a serious budget reduction as a result of the Governor's proposal, but again, this will require General Assembly action. If this plan is approved, it is unclear what impact, if any, it would have on the schools. A letter from the Town regarding this matter was attached to the financial report. The School Department is currently preparing for any potential reduction by capping "discretionary" spending at 80 percent of the approved budget, carefully reviewing all other requested expenditures, and reviewing opportunities with revenues.
- d) **Budget Transfer:** Mr. Dunham distributed additional budget transfers and the Expenditure Report Reconciliation. Additional transfers are being proposed at this meeting to align budget appropriations with budget expenditures that became misaligned due to the implementation of the new Uniform Chart of Accounts. A motion was made by Ms. Wedge and was seconded by Mrs. Levesque to approve the budget transfers as presented. So voted 7-0.

8. **SUBCOMMITTEE AGENDA**

- a) **Facilities.** Mr. Buddemeyer reported that a workshop would be scheduled in the near future.
- b) **Finance.** No report.
- c) **Health and Wellness.** No report.
- d) **Policy.** No report.

A motion was made by Ms. Wedge and seconded by Mrs. Levesque to adjourn the meeting. So voted 7-0. The meeting adjourned at 8:47 PM.

Respectfully submitted:

Patti Cofield
Recording Secretary for:

Mrs. Marjorie Levesque, Clerk